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Amendment

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To: House Bill No. 5149

File No. 348

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"AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this
4 section:

5 (1) "Sober living home" means an alcohol-free and drug-free
6 residence where (A) unrelated adults who are recovering from a
7 substance use disorder choose to live together in a supportive
8 environment during their recovery, and (B) no formal substance use
9 disorder treatment services are provided; and

10 (2) "Operator" means the lawful owner of a sober living home or a
11 person designated by such lawful owner to have primary

12 responsibility for the daily operation of such sober living home.

13 (b) An operator of a sober living home that is certified as a recovery
14 residence by an affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery
15 Residences, or a successor organization, or another organization
16 recognized by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
17 Services as an organization responsible for certifying sober living
18 homes in the state, may report the sober living home's certified status
19 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, provided
20 such operator maintains at least two doses of opioid antagonists, as
21 defined in section 17a-714a of the general statutes, on the premises and
22 provides training to all of its residents in the administration of an
23 opioid antagonist when such home is occupied by at least one resident
24 who has been diagnosed with opioid use disorder. An operator of a
25 sober living home that reports its certified status to the department
26 shall provide the department with the number of beds available in the
27 sober living home at the time of its report and weekly thereafter. The
28 department shall post on its Internet web site a list of the sober living
29 homes that have reported their certified status pursuant to this section
30 and the number of beds available at each such sober living home. The
31 department shall update the list of sober living homes and the bed
32 availability at each sober living home on a weekly basis.

33 (c) No operator of a sober living home shall (1) advertise or
34 represent that a sober living home is a facility that is certified or
35 licensed to provide substance use disorder treatment services, or (2)
36 publish any claims of particular outcomes for individuals residing in
37 such homes. Any Internet web site or publication maintained by a
38 sober living home shall include a clear and conspicuous statement in
39 bold typeface that the sober living home (A) is not licensed or certified
40 to provide substance use disorder treatment services, and (B) is a type
41 of housing in which individuals recovering from a substance use
42 disorder voluntarily choose to live together in a supportive
43 environment during their recovery. Any violation of the provisions of
44 this subsection shall constitute an unfair trade practice pursuant to
45 section 42-110b of the general statutes.

46 (d) On or before August 1, 2018, the commissioner shall create a
47 printable one-page disclosure form for distribution to prospective
48 sober living home residents. Such disclosure form shall (1) be written
49 in plain language and in an easily readable format, (2) state that sober
50 living homes are not licensed or certified to provide substance use
51 disorder treatment services, (3) provide information on sober living
52 homes and resources for individuals recovering from a substance use
53 disorder, and (4) contain a signature line on which a prospective
54 resident may sign the form. Such disclosure form shall be made
55 available to the public on the department's Internet web site. The
56 commissioner shall review and update such disclosure form as
57 necessary.

58 (e) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services may
59 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
60 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	New section